# FEBRUARY 10, 2019

## Week At A Glance

**Mon, Feb 11**
- 9:30 am -1:30 pm, Office Open
- 7 pm, Lector’s Practice

**Tues, Feb 12**
- 10 am-2 pm, Office Open

**Wed, Feb 13**
- 9:30 am, Scripture Study, Rm 6
- 11 am-3 pm, Office Open

**Thurs, Feb 14**
- 11 am-3 pm, Office Open

## Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Mon 2/11 7:30 am - Dominic Klapperich †
- Tue 2/12 7:30 am - Myles Cheshire †
- Thu 2/14 7:30 am - William O’Malley †
- Sun 2/17 9:30 am - Pasqualina & Nico Mammola †

## Ministers Schedule:

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**Jesus said to Simon, “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.”**

Luke 5:4

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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Dear Fellow Parishioners:
I join you in grieving the loss of our beloved CTK pastor emeritus, Fr. Brian Joyce. Ordained a priest in 1963, he and his amazing St. Patrick’s Seminary classmates, including Dan Danielson, Don Osuna, and Ricardo Chavez, hit the ground running during and after the Second Vatican Council. He and they were the bright lights carrying the vision of Pope John XXIII and the Council Fathers into their parishes, where the “rubber” of our faith meets the “road” of daily existence. They were the ones charged with ushering their sometimes-reluctant confreres and their “gimme back my old Church” parishioners into a new era of inclusiveness and openness to a diverse and God-hungry world.

As Brian wrote in his third book, The Baltimore Catechism Revisited, “The Men of Menlo carried the direction of the Church in quiet unassuming ways . . . each one paving the way for our future together.”

No one of us whose lives he touched would tell the same “favorite Brian story.” He touched each one of us uniquely. Without going into detail, I can avow that Brian changed the course of my life when, in 1999, he invited me to share ministry here at CTK. I’m sure each of you who knew him experienced a similar and deeply personal moment (or two or three or more).

Was Brian Joyce “perfect in every way”? None of us are. Was he a good pastor to those he served in parishes and diocesan positions? My answer: He was as good a priest, leader, counselor, teacher, and confessor as the Lord can possibly provide for his faithful believers. He championed the poor and put his body on the line for the safety and survival of the world—and had an arrest sheet to show for his credentials.

When Brian retired five years ago. I often heard what I call the best kind of “left-handed compliment.” A number of parishioners, looking to the future of our parish, told me, each in his or her own words, “I want another Brian Joyce!” Well, our Creator made only one Brian Joyce. Our generous God then sent us a very close second in Fr. Paulson.

At every funeral Fr. Brian presided at, he read the gospel passage from John 14:1-6: “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.”

Then, at the end of the service, he placed his hand on the casket or pointed to the urn. He addressed the deceased—and all present—in a faith-firm voice: “There’s more. There’s more.”

So, Brian, now you know first-hand what that “more” is like. Enjoy!

Al Garrotto, for all of you
Join us for coffee and donuts (and bagels and muffins) after the 9:30 am Sunday Mass. This is a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners.


St. Stephen Parish Hall: One of the great assets of St. Stephen Parish is our beautiful multi-use parish hall that can accommodate over 200 people. A commercial kitchen and ample parking make this a fantastic choice for family celebrations, parties and community events. There is a discounted rental fee for St. Stephen and CTK parishioners. For more details, call the parish office at 274-1341.

Volunteer with the American Red Cross! Volunteers are needed at the Red Cross Pleasant Hill Blood Donation Ctr. Volunteers greet and register donors, serve snacks, etc. To register, contact www.redcross.org/volunteer or 510-421-4527.

Married Couples: How would you like to spend a weekend away with your spouse - just the two of you? Away from the kids, job, phone, bills and house? Plan to get away to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Sign up now for our June 28-30 retreat in Danville. For more information, 925-849-5466.

Note: Scripture Study will be meeting in Room 6 instead of the Chapel this week.

Women’s Retreat March 8/9: Friday evening and all day Saturday. Will be held at St. Stephen Parish Hall. It will not be an overnight stay ... in the hopes that more will join us! See the poster board at the doors of the church today and take home a flyer which you will find there. All women are welcome.

Save the Date - Men’s Retreat April 12-14: “Welcome Back Cot- ter”. Fr. Vince will be our retreat master. San Damiano, Danville. Contact peteobrien7@gmail.com for more information.

Concert at Christ the King, this weekend, Sunday, February 10 at 3:00 pm. Sponsored by the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County, the concert is entitled “One Power: Celebrating World Interfaith Harmony Week.” Musical artist Daniel Nahmod will be featured; also Julian Van Hook, the new Interfaith Youth Chaplain at the County Detention Center. Free with open donations accepted. All are invited; bring a friend.

Christ the King’s St. Vincent de Paul is assembling layettes for our clients who are expecting babies. We are in need of new or gently used baby clothing sizes 0-24 months. We are also in need of pajamas, sizes 6 mos to 24 mos. If any of you regularly frequent the many thrift shops in the area, we would love it if you could help us with our shopping chores. Call Lois at 935-6640 to coordinate.

You have heard that it was said, you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. Matthew 5: 43 – 44

There is little that is clearer than the moral maxim Jesus cited as the prevailing norm of his own time and place: "Love your friends, hate your enemies." It seems to be the prevailing norm in our world today. It’s acceptable to hate our enemies, to demean others, to accept divisiveness and bigotry. But what does it mean to love our enemies in this time of brutal divisiveness? What is Jesus asking of us?

It does not mean indifference to evil. It does mean restraining our own, all too human, impulses to demonize those we oppose, to exaggerate their flaws, to engage in recrimination and ridicule, to get hooked into the unending cycle of revenge. It means remembering that God also loves those we can't abide. Jesus, you are asking a lot! You are also giving a lot. You never stopped loving me in all those times when I was your ene- my.

Prayer: It is so easy, Lord, to follow the way of the world, loving only those who love us. Help us to love those who don’t love us. Amen.

Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate, Ret.